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MEMORANDUM FOR: PP/PP/PLANS

SUBJECT : Psychological and Sociological Components of Soviet Satellite Vulnerabilities and Vulnerabilities of Other Tension Areas. Catalog of Source Materials, collected in the Pilot Study on Yugoslavia, by the Institute of East European Studies, Indiana University.

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1. [] of the Psychological Strategy Board made an oral request to me for our evaluation of subject material and for our opinion as to the merits of a continued subsidy of the project. I referred the catalog to []al, our Yugoslav expert, for review. His comments follow:

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a. This extensive and elaborate research project is based on data obtained from individuals leaving Yugoslavia, primarily as refugees from the Communist regime. It is doubtful if this material is currently, or ever will be, of significant use to the Agency, although it conceivably could be used in the preparation of limited operational briefs or support material.

b. As background data for those engaged in the intelligence work on Yugoslavia, the three volumes submitted for review are of questionable value and, furthermore, appear to duplicate research already done, e.g., NIS Studies which provide more comprehensive content and coverage as basic briefing materials. The arrangement of material in this catalog (following an outline form which results in a long inventory of subjects for each interrogation report) is a further disadvantage, merely adding to the already bulky files on the area. A more useful and informative arrangement would have been to present a basic abstract for each interrogation.

c. The biographic compilation (pps. 60-75) which contains an index to reports on leading Yugoslav personages, is the only section which might be of use to the Political Action Division

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or other divisions of this Agency. Many of the reporters, as former colleagues and current critics of some of these persons, gave information not previously uncovered. Generally these biographies in Yugoslav cover three to five pages. Although their translation would not seem warranted, it is recommended that the appropriate CE section obtain papers for safekeeping and possible future reference.

d. It is the considered opinion of the Political Action Division that the actual or potential usefulness of the end product of this research is not commensurate with the effort and expenditure which would be required to complete it.

2. It is requested that you forward to [] through normal Agency channels the essence of [] remarks.

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